PROJECT DESCRIPTION

PROJECT NUMBER:
02408

PROJECT TITLE:
Technical Assistance to Office of LESIS

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PROJECT OBJECTIVE:
The Alabama Office of Law Enforcement Systems Integration and Standards (LESIS) was created by the Governor to develop an integrated criminal justice system. This project will provide LESIS with flexible technical assistance as needed and requested by the LESIS Director, to fulfill the LESIS mission.

PROJECT ABSTRACT:
LESIS is charged with developing programs and procedures to convert traffic records from manual reporting on paper, to electronic data entry, transmission and processing. A major step is to develop a comprehensive set of standards to cover all database, computer and communications software and hardware necessary to support the process, especially in areas that involve interaction among agencies. The standards will apply to all criminal justice agencies in Alabama.

For LESIS to successfully discharge its responsibilities, it must acquire technical assistance in defining the tasks that lie ahead, identify contractors or agencies to accomplish them, and securing grants to support work activities. This proposed project would provide the needed technical assistance. At this point the specific project activities cannot be identified; the LESIS Director will identify them as the project unfolds. The types of services listed in the following task descriptions are anticipated:

PROJECT TASK DESCRIPTIONS (POTENTIAL TASKS):
1. Determine state-of-the-art for criminal justice and law enforcement standards;
2. Develop standards to submit to the LESIS Board;
3. Develop mechanisms to promulgate the standards, including updating the LESIS web site;
4. Provide support for technical writing and editing of agency proposals and associated documents; and
5. Develop and give presentations that support LESIS at conferences, LESIS Board meetings and other appropriate venues.

MILESTONES AND DATES:
• Mar 18, 2002 – Initiate systems analysis.
• Jan 31, 2003 – Conclude work and deliver final product.

TOTAL BUDGET:
One year project: Alabama Department of Community and Economic Affairs $61,436

STUDENT INVOLVEMENT:
No direct involvement of students is anticipated.

RELATIONSHIP TO OTHER RESEARCH PROJECTS:
This project is a companion to several UTCA projects, and is directly related to UTCA project 01469 - “Development of the LESIS Strategic Plan.”

TECHNOLOGY TRANSFER ACTIVITIES:
No technology transfer will be involved.

TRB KEYWORDS:
Law enforcement systems, law enforcement standards, criminal justice standards